CLAIMS

1. A method of controlling the placement of images on output sheets in a digital copier, the copier including a scanner for recording an image from an original sheet fed therein, and a printer for creating an image on an output sheet in response to digital image data submitted thereto, comprising:

feeding to the input scanner an input sheet having a test pattern thereon, the input sheet defining an edge, the test pattern defining a rule relative to the edge, thereby recording test image data;

causing the printer to output a copy based on the test image data;

entering a reading derived from inspection of the copy; and

the printer adjusting an attribute of a subsequent copying operation on an output sheet as a result of the entering step.

2. The method of **claim 1**, wherein the attribute relates to a placement of the image on the output sheet in the subsequent copying operation.

3. The method of **claim 1**, wherein the attribute relates to feeding of an original sheet in the subsequent copying operation.

4. The method of **claim 3**, wherein the attribute relates to a speed of feeding of an original sheet in the subsequent copying operation.

5. The method of **claim 1**, wherein the attribute relates to magnification of an image on an original sheet relative to an image on a print sheet in the subsequent copying operation.

6. The method of **claim 1,** the rule having a set of numbers associated therewith, and wherein the reading is a number related to the rule.

7. The method of **claim 1**, wherein the edge is a side edge of the input sheet.

8. The method of **claim 1**, wherein the edge is one of a lead edge or a trail edge of the input sheet.

9. The method of **claim 1**, wherein the input sheet defines a first edge and a second edge, the first edge being opposite to the second edge, and wherein the input sheet includes a first rule associated with the first edge, and a second rule associated with the second edge; and

wherein the reading comprises data relating to the first rule and the second rule.

10. The method of **claim 9**, wherein the attribute relates to a magnification, in at least one dimension, of an original image relative to an image on the output sheet in the subsequent copying operation.

11. The method of **claim 9**, wherein the attribute relates to feeding of an original sheet in the subsequent copying operation.

12. The method of **claim 11**, wherein the attribute relates to a speed of feeding of an original sheet in the subsequent copying operation.

13. The method of **claim 1**, the entering step including the steps of

visually observing the readings on the copy, and

manually entering the readings through a user interface.

14. The method of **claim 1**, the entering step including the steps of

feeding the copy into the scanner, thereby recording image data relating to the copy,

a utility associated with the scanner reading the image data relating to the copy.

15. The method of **claim 14**, the utility associated with the scanner including optical character recognition software.

16. The method of **claim 1,** wherein the rule appears on a partially-reflective area on the test pattern.

17. A method of controlling the placement of images on output sheets in a digital printer, the digital printer creating an image on an output sheet in response to digital image data submitted thereto, comprising:

causing the printer to print a test pattern on an output sheet, the output sheet defining an edge, the test pattern defining a rule relative to the edge;

entering a reading derived from inspection of the output sheet; and

the printer adjusting at least one attribute of a subsequent printing operation as a result of the entering step, the attribute being one of a placement of an image along a process direction and a placement of an image perpendicular to the process direction.

18. The method of **claim 17**, wherein the causing step includes setting at least one attribute of the printer at a predetermined default value.

19. The method of **claim 17**, the entering step including

visually observing the readings on the copy, and

manually entering the readings through a user interface.

20. The method of **claim 17**, the entering step including

feeding the output sheet having the test pattern into a scanner associated with the printer, thereby recording image data relating to the test pattern.